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## Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 13 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 28, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during March 2010 totaled 120.1 million pounds, up 13 percent from March 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 109.8 million pounds live weight, was up 13 percent from March 2009. Total head slaughtered was 87,500, up 10,800 head from 2009. Live weight averaged 1,271 pounds, down 6 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.65 million pounds live weight, down 6 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 11,000 head was down 5 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound to 425 pounds.

Pork production was 71.8 million pounds live weight, up 14 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 274,400, up 12 percent from March 2009. Average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during March 2010 was 430,000 pounds live weight, down 1 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 4,800, up 9 percent. Average live weight decreased 8 pounds to 91 pounds.

**Nationally**, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in March 2010 totaled 4.28 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009. Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 7 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, slightly below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,800 head, up slightly from March 2008. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 11 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January-March 2010 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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